

"MILLIONNAIRE" GOES HOME BROKE

McDevitt, Who Came from Wilkesbarre in Special Train, Returns on Borrowed Money.

HAD A BATH IN MILK

New York Had No Difficulty in Taking from Him All the Wealth He Brought.

After turning his collar, changing the ends of his cuffs and turning down an offer of \$1,000 a week from a vaudeville manager (genuine offer, too, they say), John J. McDevitt, who has been showing the Atlantic seaboard how to spend money just as though you had it, completed his day as a millionaire by a flying trip to New Haven and Bridgeport, yesterday. Before leaving he had \$12 worth of laundry done on his face at a Broadway barber shop and \$5 worth of manicuring on his fingers.

"That's going to last me for three years," he remarked as he held up the shining nails and adjusted his tie by the reflection. McDevitt on Friday afternoon tasted the delights of wealth by travelling to New York from Wilkesbarre by special train. Yesterday he experienced the humiliation coming to a Croesus who is compelled, through unforeseen circumstances, to rub elbows with the mob, for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway Company found the time too short to get out a special car, and the party of ten engaged seats in a day coach on the regular train, which departed from Grand Central at four o'clock.

"If I'd had known this I wouldn't have consented to make the trip," said the ephemeral millionaire. "This is a terrible come-down. It's a regular bump. I'm going to sleep."

Not To Be an Actor.
Mr. McDevitt carried a retinue of nine persons. Although there were two theatrical men in the party all joined in a sort of hallooing chorus at every stop, the burden of which was that Mr. McDevitt has no intention of going into vaudeville to make any commercial capital whatever of the remarkable popularity which his efforts to live as a man of great wealth for one day, and then go back to Wilkesbarre "head broke," has brought to him.

"I'm merely going up to New Haven to see the University," he explained. "I never had any education, and while I'm on this trip I do want to see the famous college. Then, too, I want to shake hands with Mr. Poll. For a year I have spent an average of twenty cents a week to sit in the peanut gallery of his theatre. That makes \$10.40, and at least I have a right to see the man who got it."

Mr. McDevitt did not look at the university, but he did shake hands with Mr. Poll. The case with which he attained the presence of the great theatrical man of New England, while others waited in the waiting room, almost made some of the scoffers believe that the ways he had creased, Mr. Poll offered to buy a drink, but said nothing about handing back the \$10.40.

Mr. McDevitt's day began at eight o'clock, when several photographers invaded his room at the Waldorf and made a flashlight of him in bed. Then he went down stairs, and paid \$13 for four eggs and the concomitant coffee.

Bathed in Milk.
"Don't let this be known," he said, "but before coming down I had a bath in milk. I don't feel a bit better, but I understand all millionaires do that, and they're going to have nothing on me. The eggs were good, but they weren't worth \$12. It would be cheaper for me to carry several hens around and get my eggs fresh."

Then there was a taxicab dash to Hammett's Theatre, where "Party Casey" offered McDevitt \$20, then \$50, then \$70 and finally \$1,000 a week, American money, to appear one week in vaudeville.

"No," said the Croesus, "I don't want to commercialize this thing. I'm having a good time, and I just want to go home broke when it's over."

"You're the only man I ever heard of who has refused such an offer," replied Casey. "They come in here every day and offer \$1,000 a week for the privilege of appearing."

The caravan then marched on to the Colonial Theatre, where they stayed half an hour, and then made for the New Haven train. In the party were Dr. Edward Sweeney, John Linahan, John Shea, William Heffernan and George Williams, of Wilkesbarre; Edward Benton, special representative of the Poll Theatres, and James Grainger, a theatrical agent.

At New Haven McDevitt was the Giraffe of the Hour. After the visit to Mr. Poll the party returned to the New Haven station, where the "millionaire" aroused general admiration by buying out three newsboys and distributing quarters among the populace. He lined the party up at the lunch counter and filled them up with \$1.50 worth of ham sandwiches and coffee.

Made a Speech.
He handed three \$1 bills to Edith Langley and Olga Minnerly, the waitresses who served the sandwiches, and told them to keep the change. It took the young women forty-two minutes to arrange a division of the biggest tip they had ever heard of.

On the return trip Mr. McDevitt awoke from a dose at Milford, and, rising to his feet, made a short speech which delighted the crowded car.

"I expect to be a candidate for Mayor of New York," he said, "if I can establish a residence. I find there are certain reforms needed. Between the years 1884 and 1891 there were three Irish policemen discharged from the New York force. We want them back. Mayor Gaynor is not with the Irish. I believe women should be allowed to vote. If we let them vote they'll have to stop kicking because crooks are elected to office."

The party reached New York at ten o'clock and hurried to the Astor theatre, where a box had been reserved by George M. Cohan. After that there was a supper at a Broadway restaurant, and the start for home was made in a Pullman car at twenty minutes after two.

"I wired home for \$30 more," confided the "millionaire." "I don't know how much is left, but the jungle is getting lower every minute."

A sea story that appeals to women is "Chance," by Joseph Conrad, the famous English author. It was written especially for the SUNDAY NEW YORK HERALD, and the first installment appears next Sunday.

WIVES USE POSTAL BANKS.
Represent 15 Per Cent of Depositors—Total Estimated at 200,000.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.—About fifteen per cent of the depositors in the postal savings banks are married women over whose heads their husbands have absolutely no claim, postal officials say. Of the 13,869 depositors June 30, 2,159 were married women and 2,769 foreigners. It is estimated there are now about 200,000 depositors.

City Mission Opens Public Dance Hall

Episcopal Society the First of the Social Settlements to Adopt the Idea.

As a large portion of the population of New York has fallen under Teutonic's spell, the social settlements are now opening dance halls in connection with their other activities. Under the auspices of the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society, No. 33 Bleecker street, of which the Right Rev. David H. Greer is president, a branch of the mission Friday evening started a public dancing class at the House of Aquila, No. 139 Stanton street.

This is the first social settlement to throw open its doors to boys and girls eager to learn to "trip the light fantastic toe," and its marks a decided advance in the settlement idea.

No bizarre steps, such as have become a fad among society folk, are permitted on the floor of the settlement dance hall. Miss Anne Duncan, who has charge of the House of Aquila and its classes, carefully guards against the introduction of eccentric dancing, but there is every attraction in the way of good music, an excellent floor and a comfortable room to interest the young folk in the gentle art of waltzing and two-stepping.

Miss Elizabeth Sears has recently joined the staff of the Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society and has offices in the Bleecker street building, where the superintendent, Rev. Robert B. Kimmer, is to be found daily. Miss Sears is working for the social uplift of the east side girls and boys and she said yesterday that the model flat which



MISS ELIZABETH SEARS.

is a new feature of the House of Aquila's branches of learning was turning out excellent little housewives who came to the settlement totally ignorant of the first principles of cooking and washing. "The model flat is for the older girls who have outgrown the clubs and classes," Miss Sears said. "And besides the domestic science lessons taught there, the girls receive aid in managing their own little affairs and planning their future."

There are sixty girls working at different times in the model flat. Besides this department of economic instruction

there is a kitchen garden class, where miles of girls dressed in fresh aprons and white caps go through the motions of keeping house with miniature house-keeping utensils. In this way they become familiar with the uses of the different kitchen apparatus which helps them when they are old enough to do the real work in the real model flat. A Day Nursery and St. Barnabas Home are also a part of this great work. Among the officers of the society are Bishop Greer, president; the Rev. Cornelius B. Smith, the Rev. George P. Nelson, the Rev. D. Parker Morgan, Mr. John Seely Ward and Mr. Vernon Davis, vice presidents; Mr. Charles P. Ball, secretary, and Mr. Lincoln Cromwell, treasurer.

SAVES MAN HURT IN EXPLOSION

Lieutenant Michael J. O'Donohue, of Fire Truck No. 20, walking through Prince street yesterday morning, heard cries for help from the cellar of the six story loft building at No. 178, following an explosion there. He waded through two feet of water and found John Cantolano lying on the floor, with his head on a pile of rags, three inches out of the water. The man was unconscious, and the fireman carried him to the street. Cantolano's left leg was broken and he had internal injuries.

GIRL'S KINDNESS WINS \$93,000

Young Woman Who Befriended Parents of New York Man Is Made Heiress by Will.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Saturday.—Helen Townsend Engle, aged sixteen, of West Lehigh avenue, received notice to-day that she was heiress to \$93,000 left to her by John Hermer, of New York city, because she had been kind to his old parents, who live near Miss Engle's home. Mr. Hermer died recently in New York at the age of twenty-six. Miss Engle was too modest to-night to discuss her good fortune.

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1500 Yards Black Dress Silks

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At Prices Greatly Below Actual Values

Dress Taffetas, 35 inches wide, chiffon finish, at 98c
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Messaline Duchesse Satin, 39 inches wide, at 1.35
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Crepe Charmeuse, 40 inches wide, superior quality, at 1.95
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Colored & Black Dress Fabrics

Advance Spring Styles of High Class Foreign and Domestic Suitings

comprising English and Scotch Mixtures, Whipcords, Black and White Stripes and Checks, Diagonals, Chevrons and Fancy Worsteds Materials.

Also a Special Purchase of

2800 YDS. 54 INCH ALL WOOL CHAIN SERGES AND FANCY WEAVE SUITINGS, in black and colors, at 88c
Regular Value \$1.25 to 1.75 Yard

LATER IMPORTATIONS OF HIGH CLASS NOVELTY

Cotton Dress Goods

are now being shown in the newest weaves and color combinations, in Voiles, Marquisettes, Embroidered Swisses and Plumetis, Tulle, Irish Dimities, Scotch Gingham, Silk and Cotton Shirtings, Ottoman Suitings, French and Irish Suiting Linens.

Also To-morrow, an Exceptional Offering of

Irish Ramie Linen, 33 inches wide, pure fax, in a large assortment of the newest colors; also black and white, at 28c
Regular Price 50c Yard

Imported Voiles, yarn dyed, in desirable designs and colorings, at 23c
Regular Price 45c Yard

TO-MORROW, AN IMPORTANT SALE OF

Unmade Robes

of Fine French Voile, Hand Embroidered, combined with pearl and hand crochet buttons, at \$14.75, 17.50
Actual Values \$25.50 and 35.00

ALSO A LARGE COLLECTION OF HIGH COST

Embroideries

consisting of Batiste and Swiss Flouncings, Bands, Medallions and Allovers; also Hand Embroidered Edges and Insertions.

Bands, from 35c to \$9.25 Yard
Flouncings, " 75c " 18.50 " Greatly Below Usual Prices.

Decorative Linens

At One-Half Their Regular Values

REAL ANTIQUE FILET LACE, APPENZELL AND MADEIRA HAND EMBROIDERED

Napkin Pouches, at 40c, 65c, 85c
Centre Pieces, " \$1.25, 3.50, 4.25
Dresser and Buffet Scarfs, " 1.95, 2.75, 4.75
Doyleys, Finger & Tumbler Size, Doz., 1.50, 2.25, 2.75
Plate Doyleys, " 3.25, 4.75, 5.75
Afternoon Tea Napkins, " 5.50, 6.75, 7.75
Dinner Napkins, Doz., 9.50, 12.50, 15.00
Tea Cloths, at 4.50, 6.95, 7.85
Luncheon Cloths, " 9.85, 13.00, 16.75
Luncheon Sets, " 4.25, 5.50, 7.75
Lingerie Cushion Covers, " 1.25, 2.95, 3.25

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Including new styles not offered heretofore

At Unusually Low Prices

Night Gowns, from 85c to 3.45
Corset Covers, " 59c " 1.85
Combinations, " 85c " 3.75
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Also a large collection of very desirable

IMPORTED HAND-MADE LINGERIE,

comprising Night Robes, Combinations, Chemises, Drawers and Corset Covers, which will be offered at

One-Third Less Than Former Prices

NEW AND DISTINCTIVE MODELS IN

Women's and Misses' Waists

of Voiles, Marquisettes, Crepon, Batiste, Handkerchief Linen, Satins and Laces are now being shown for Early Spring Wear.

INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES FOR TO-MORROW:—

Waists of Batiste or Voile, high or low neck, elaborately trimmed with lace and embroidery, \$1.50, 1.98, 2.85

Waists of plain, striped, changeable and black Silks; also of Allover Imitation Point Venise Laces, at \$3.95, 4.75, 5.50

Monday, Another Important Offering of

Women's Silk Petticoats

of Chiffon Taffeta or Messaline, in black, navy, emerald, coronation or white, also changeable silks, \$2.95
Messaline or Silk Jersey Top Petticoats, in black, navy, emerald, coronation or white, at 3.85

Annual Sale of

Misses' & Children's Underwear

of Nainsook and Cambric, trimmed with laces and embroidery

Children's Night Gowns, at 65c, 89c
Drawers, " 23c, 29c, 43c
Skirts, " 55c, 69c

Misses' Night Gowns, at 89c, 1.20, 1.50
Drawers, " 45c, 59c, 75c
Skirts, " 89c, 1.25, 1.65
Combinations, " 75c, 90c, 1.25
Corset Covers, " 45c, 60c
Princess Slips, " 1.35, 1.85

Also a large assortment of

Children's and Misses' Hand-made Undergarments at Greatly Reduced Prices

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To-morrow, Continuation Clearance Sale of

Art Objects and Bric-a-Brac

Bronzes, Marbles, Clocks, Clock Sets, Electrotiers, Sevres and Dresden Vases, including choice pieces specially desirable for Wedding Gifts, many of which will be offered at

50% Below Former Prices

Decorated Chinaware

Rich English and Limoges China Plates in Service, Dinner, Entree and Bread and Butter sizes; also Fish, Fruit and Dessert Plates.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES TO-MORROW, MONDAY,

Limoges China Dinner Sets, 100 Pieces, at \$13.50, 16.50 Pieces, at \$35.00
Haviland China Dinner Sets, 100 Pieces, at 28.00

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, WILL BE OFFERED

A LARGE COLLECTION OF

American Rugs

IN THE MOST DESIRABLE WEAVES, IN TWO-TONE EFFECTS AND ORIENTAL DESIGNS AT THE FOLLOWING DECIDED REDUCTIONS:

Axminster Rugs, Seamless, Size 4 ft. 6 by 6 ft. 6, Value \$8.00, at \$5.75
Size 9 by 12 ft., Value \$28.50, at 21.50
Body Brussels Rugs, Size 8 by 12 ft., Value \$27.50, at 17.50
Bundhar Wiltons and other makes, Regular Price \$40.00, at 26.50
French Wiltons and other makes, discontinued patterns, 9 by 12 ft., Regular Price \$55.00, at 35.00

West 23d and 22d Streets

Women's Tailored Suits

APPROPRIATE FOR IMMEDIATE WEAR, WILL BE OFFERED AT THE FOLLOWING GREATLY REDUCED PRICES:

Suits of Mixtures, Broadcloths, Whipcords, Diagonals, Serges, Velveteens, Corduroys, Silk Velvets and Suede Cloths, handsomely braided and embroidered; also severely plain tailored styles, many trimmed with fur, at

\$9.75, 15.00, 22.50, 35.00 to 69.50
Former Prices from \$27.50 to 135.00

CLEARING SALE OF

THIS SEASON'S MOST DESIRABLE STYLES

Women's Coats

of Broadcloth, Blanket Materials and Mixtures, \$8.75, 11.75, 14.50
Values from \$16.50 to 29.75

of Chinchilla, Scotch Mixtures, Imported Chiffon Broadcloth, Silk Velours and Plush, some lined \$17.50, 23.75
and trimmed with Cashmere Cloth, at
Values from \$29.50 to 50.00

AND THE REMAINDER OF THEIR

High Cost Coats and Wraps At Less Than Half Former Prices.

To-morrow, an Extraordinary Offering of Girls' and Misses' Washable and Lingerie Dresses

Girls' Washable Dresses, of Gingham, Percales, Tissues and Lawns, sizes 6 to 14 years, \$1.75, 1.95, 2.45, 2.75, 3.85

Misses' Washable Dresses, of Gingham, Percales, Tissues and Lawns, sizes 14 to 18 years, at \$3.15, 3.85, 4.75, 5.95

Misses' Dresses, of Batiste and French Linen, also of Cotton Crepe Voile, with real Irish lace yokes and insertions, at \$12.50, 18.75, 25.00

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